

2024 AAA Division
Ground Rules

- A. Four (4) balls batter walks, three (3) strikes batter is out, foul ball batter continues to bat.
- B. Nine (9) players on the field in regular baseball positions.
- C. Continuous batting order, all players bat.
- D. If there is no umpire available, FIELDING team's coach will act as umpire and call balls and strikes from behind pitcher along with the calls at the bases and home plate. BATTING team's Base Coaches will determine foul balls.
- E. Batters may bunt. No slap hitting by pulling a bunt back and swinging. (This is a safety issue.) Team will receive warning after first offense, any batter who attempts this action again after the warning, successfully or not, will be automatically out.
- F. Base runners may steal any base after pitched ball passes home plate or while any fielder is holding the ball, other than the pitcher holding the ball on the mound. No stealing while pitcher has ball and is on mound.
- G. Base runners may advance one base on an overthrow out of play. Runners may advance one or more bases on live ball overthrows that are in play.
- H. If the runner decides to slide into the bases / plate, they must slide feet first when the fielder has the ball and is waiting to make the tag. Any head or hands first slide will be an automatic out. Fielders / Catcher cannot block plate until in possession of the ball. The runner is called out if they run into a defensive player while standing up and the defensive player is in a throwing motion while trying to make a 2nd out during the same play. (This ground rule is in no way stating that a runner must slide, the runner can always turn left or right to get out of the way of the ball and/or defensive player)
- I. Infield fly rule is in play.
- J. Five (5) runs per inning mercy rule is in play for all innings.
- K. No inning should start after one hour 45 minutes from the scheduled start time. Game ends after two hours from the scheduled start time. If time limit is reached during a player's at bat, that player may finish the at bat; a substitute batter is not allowed.
- L. Pitch counts should be maintained by official book. Verify age and pitch counts of previous game prior to start of game.
- M. This is developmental league. Teams should try to develop more than two pitchers. Rotate players and substitutions.